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September Sale of HIGH-GRADE FURNITURE

(25 to 50 Per Cent Below Actual Value.)

TWENTY-FIVE to fifty per cent discount on furniture selected during our Annual September Sale means a great saving of money on the outlay for new furnishings for the home.

The liberality of our prices places pretty, individual articles of furniture within the shopping plans of any home-maker. We have provided charming separate pieces of furniture, in which utility and artistic ornamentation signify its fitness to accord harmoniously with the other furnishings in the house, or to establish the distinction of good taste wherever it is placed.

To be able to add comfort, daintiness, or elegance to the interior of one's home is an opportunity our patrons who visit our sales year after year will find even more advantageous this season.

A reduction in the price of furniture does not lessen its value as a product of careful workmanship. It simply encourages the recognition of economic opportunities—to buy when the market is quiet. The rush of the commercial season means additional expense to the merchant which the regulation prices must cover.

Therefore, our before-the-season sale is reasonable, serviceable, and our prices are generously low.

Among the many articles included in this sale are Dressers, Chiffoniers, Commodes, Washstands, Beds, Cheval Mirrors, Bedroom Chairs and Rockers, Toilet Tables, Bedroom Suites, Buffets, China Cabinets, Extension Tables, Serving Tables, Dining-room Chairs, Dining-room Suites, Two and Three Piece Parlor Suites, Odd Parlor Settees, Odd Parlor Chairs and Rockers, Parlor Cabinets, Roman Chairs, Gilt Chairs and Settees, Parlor Tables, Hall Mirrors, Hall Seats, Hall Racks, Hall Chairs, Hall Tables, Library Tables, Women's Desks, Bookcases, India Seats, Turkish Leather Chairs and Rockers, Weathered Oak Chairs, Rockers, and Settees, Morris Chairs, Leather and Box Couches, etc., in oak, mahogany, mahogany-finish, bird's-eye maple, weathered oak, and all the popular woods. The following items merit special attention:

Quartered Oak Buffets, with French legs; neat design. \$25.00. Value, \$32.00.

Solid Mahogany Buffets, with dull metal drawer pulls; dull finish. \$27.75. Value, \$55.00.

Solid Mahogany Buffets, with mirror; partitioned silver drawer; dull finish. \$28.75. Value, \$60.00.

Quartered Oak Buffets, with large silver-lined cabinet in center; dull finish; size 68x24 inches. \$62.50. Value, \$110.00.

Solid Mahogany Buffets, Sheraton design; lined cabinet in center; dull finish; size 68x24 inches. \$68.75. Value, \$125.00.

China Closets, early English design; hand-carved pillars. \$31.50. Value, \$50.00.

Solid Mahogany China Cabinets, Sheraton design, dull finish. \$39.75. Value, \$70.00.

Large Solid Mahogany China Cabinets, with drawers at bottom finished with glass knobs; dull finish. \$51.75. Value, \$100.00.

Dull Mahogany-finish Serving Tables, with separate drawers with knobs. \$18.50. Value, \$33.75.

Sixth and Seventh Floors—G. E.

Quartered Oak Serving Tables, with two separate drawers with knobs; dull finish. \$15.00. Value, \$25.00.

Solid Mahogany Serving Tables, with two drawers finished with glass knobs; dull finish; size 68x24 inches. \$27.00. Value, \$50.00.

Oak Dining-room Chairs, boxed cane seat; strong, well-made chairs. \$1.50. Value, \$2.00.

Oak Dining-room Chairs, box seat; neat design. \$1.85. Value, \$2.25.

Quartered Oak Dining-room Chairs, box seat, French legs. \$2.25. Value, \$3.00.

Quartered Oak Dining-room Chairs, genuine leather box seat made over cane; calf feet. \$2.95. Value, \$3.75.

Quartered Oak Dining-room Chairs, leather slip seat, calf feet. \$3.60. Value, \$6.00.

Quartered Oak Armchairs, to match the above dining chairs. \$7.00. Value, \$10.00.

Quartered Oak Chiffoniers, with two drawers at top; best plate glass mirror. \$15.75. Value, \$20.00.

Mahogany Chiffoniers, with wooden drawer pulls; oval plate glass mirror; dull finish. \$29.50. Value, \$40.00.

Mahogany Dressers, swell top drawer, French legs. \$17.25. Value, \$22.00.

Quartered Oak Dressers, colonial design, dull finish. \$24.75. Value, \$32.00.

Bird's-eye Maple Dressers, full swell front; large mirror. \$33.75. Value, \$40.00.

Bird's-eye Maple Washstands, size 36x24. \$12.00. Value, \$25.00.

Mahogany Washstands, dull finish; size 36x24. \$13.50. Value, \$25.00.

Solid Mahogany Toilet Tables, with three drawers; dull finish. \$21.50. Value, \$45.00.

Hall Tables, of oak and mahogany, with drawer and shelf; bolted construction. \$4.95. Value, \$6.00.

Mahogany Parlor Tables, round top. \$5.95. Value, \$10.00.

Mahogany Parlor Tables, inlaid with hollywood and pearl, French design. \$8.50. Value, \$15.00.

Quartered Oak Library Tables, with long drawer and wooden drawer pulls; neat design. \$10.85. Value, \$15.00.

Quartered Oak Library Tables, with oval shelf. \$22.50. Value, \$28.00.

Mahogany Library Tables, oval shape; dull finish. \$23.75. Value, \$30.00.

"Sleepy Hollow" Chairs, solid oak frames upholstered in velvet. \$16.75. Value, \$20.00.

"Wing" Chairs, with hand-tufted genuine leather cushions; large size. \$27.50. Value, \$35.00.

Hand-carved Flemish Oak Chairs, leather seat; large size. \$8.00. Value, \$15.00.

Leather Turkish Rockers, large size. \$27.50. Value, \$36.00.

Solid Mahogany Rockers, leather seat. \$11.85. Value, \$20.00.

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CHORUS GIRL BRIDE OF EARL

Eleventh Member of "Gay Gordons" Company to Enter Society.

William John Lyndon Poulett formerly a Lieutenant in the Welsh Fusiliers.

London, Sept. 2.—Earl Poulett was married at St. James' Church, Piccadilly, this afternoon, to a Gaiety girl, named Sylvia Lillian, the daughter of Frederick Story, the well-known comedian. She formerly appeared in the musical comedy, "The Gay Gordons," which was famous for the beauty of its chorus.

She is the eleventh member of the "Gay Gordons" chorus that has married a title or wealth.

William John Lyndon Poulett, seventh earl, is twenty-five years old. For several years, up to 1903, the title was in dispute, and the name was almost a by-word in London. William Thomas Poulett, who called himself Viscount Hinton, and was the son of a woman who claimed that the sixth earl Poulett had married her, claimed the Poulett title and estates. Pending the litigation, which was long and bitter and was carried to the highest court, the House of Lords, the claimant supported himself and gave annoyance to the Pouletts by playing a hand organ in the streets of London.

Finally, the committee on privileges of the House of Lords decided in favor of the sixth earl's son, who now bears the title. This was in July, 1902. The sixth earl was then dead and the present earl was twenty years old and a lieutenant in the Welsh Fusiliers. A year later he succeeded to the estate and title.

Literary Amusements.

Jack London, the author, says that President Roosevelt is an amateur in nature matters, and that he does not understand evolution. It is likely that another person non grata will soon be involuntarily elected to membership in the Annapolis Club.

ARMY AND NAVY.

Army Orders.
By direction of the President, a general court-martial is appointed to meet at Fort Wayne, Mich., Tuesday, September 29, for the trial of such persons as may be brought before it:
Maj. Gen. FREDERICK D. GRANT, Brig. Gen. ALBERT L. MYER, EARL D. THOMAS, CHARLES MORTON, RAMSAY D. POTTS, DANIEL H. BRUSH, and JOHN B. KERR, Ochs, HENRY S. HUNT, adjutant general; GEORGE G. GREENOUGH, Coast Artillery Corps; CHARLES A. P. HATFIELD, Third Cavalry; JOSEPH H. BOWEN, Third Cavalry; GEORGE S. ANDERSON, general staff; GEORGE ANDREWS, adjutant general; and Capt. CHARLES R. HOWLAND, Twenty-first Infantry, judge advocate.

Leave of absence granted Maj. W. FITZGERALD, Cavalry, Medical Corps, is extended one month.

Leave of absence for twenty days on surgeon's certificate of disability is granted Maj. ISAAC N. LEWIS, Coast Artillery Corps.

A board of officers appointed to meet at the President of St. Francis for the examination of such officers of the Coast Artillery Corps as may be ordered before it.

Lieut. Col. FREDERICK MARSH, Coast Artillery Corps, Maj. JOHN W. RUCKMAN, Coast Artillery Corps, and Capt. CHARLES L. FOSTER, Medical Corps, are ordered to examine Capt. GIBNER, Medical Corps.

The following named officers of the Coast Artillery Corps will report on October 15 to Lieut. Col. FREDERICK MARSH, Coast Artillery Corps, to the President of St. Francis for examination to determine their fitness for promotion:

Lt. FRANK W. COE, and WILLIAM R. SMITH, First Lieut. JAMES D. WATSON, CHARLES L. FISHER, CHARLES D. WYNN, and FRANK T. HINES, Second Lieut. HALVOR G. COULTER, WEST C. JACOBS, JAMES W. LYON, HAROLD GEORGE, ROBERT H. SMITH, ALBERT L. LOUSTALOT, and RICHARD DONOVAN.

First Lieut. GEORGE C. MILEN, retired, upon his own application is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at St. Matthew's Military School, Burlington, Cal.

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RECEPTION TO THE CARDINAL

Vicar General Corrigan Author of the Worthy Movement.

Elaborate Preparations in Progress to Give the American Prelate a Welcome in Baltimore.

A letter directed to the Catholic pastors of Washington arrived here this week from Rev. O. P. Corrigan, vicar general of the archdiocese of Baltimore, inviting all pastors of churches, all Catholic societies, and all members of Catholic churches to join in the reception to be given Cardinal Gibbons upon his return from Europe.

Elaborate preparations are now being made for the event, which, it is expected, will be one of the largest receptions ever held in the Monumental City.

J. R. Wheeler, president of the Commonwealth Bank, has been selected president of the committee on arrangements, and will act as marshal on the day of the parade.

All members of Catholic churches or societies desiring to take part in the celebration have been requested to attend the meeting to be held at the Catholic Club in Baltimore this evening.

The date of the reception has not yet been decided upon, but it is expected it will be held on October 10.

CLAMBAKE ON LANDMARK.

Ticonderoga Historical Society to Preserve Battlefield.

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IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

Minister Wu's Son and Family Leave City To-day.

MME. WU BRAVED THE HEAT

Only Member of Embassy or Legation Who Has Remained in Washington Throughout the Hot Season. Assistant Secretary Wilson and Mrs. Wilson Return from Europe.

While members of every embassy and legation represented at Washington have sought either their home country or one of the seaside or mountain resorts, the Chinese Minister, Dr. Wu Ting-fang, and his immediate family, have remained in Washington practically the entire summer. Dr. Wu has made several out-of-town trips, mainly to speak at public functions, but since the arrival of Mme. Wu, early in the summer, she has been content to remain in the legation, in Washington Heights, where the extreme heat of the summer has been felt less than in any other section of the city. With Mme. Wu have been her son and daughter-in-law and their young baby, all of whom, however, leave Washington to-day.

Mr. Huntington Wilson, Third Assistant Secretary of State, returned to Washington on Tuesday night from Europe, where he and Mrs. Wilson spent the greater part of the summer. Mrs. Wilson did not accompany Mr. Wilson to America, and is not expected to return until November. She is now in France, with Miss Christlan, of Richmond, Va., whom she will chaperon on a series of visits through France. Later they will go to England for a visit of several weeks.

The Belgian Minister and Baroness Moncheur will return to the legation in Washington about September 11. Baron Moncheur, with the baroness and their young daughter, are still in York Harbor, where they established the legation for the summer.

Mr. Edward C. O'Brien, American Minister to Paraguay and Uruguay, has sailed from New York to resume charge of his diplomatic post.

Lieut. Commander Retsmann, recently appointed naval attaché of the German Embassy, to succeed Capt. H. G. Hebbinghaus, was received in farewell audience by Emperor William on Tuesday last. Commander Retsmann is a bachelor, and promises to be an important factor in social and diplomatic circles next season.

The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand are still lingering in France. They are expected to return to the embassy at Washington by October 2. The return of many of the foreign representatives will be timed for early in October, as the President's intention to take up his duties earlier than usual in Washington this year will have its effect of hastening official society back to the Capital.

Sir Esme Howard, of the British Embassy, is at Manchester-by-the-Sea, where he will remain until the return to this country of Mr. James Bryce, British Ambassador, and Mrs. Bryce, who are making a series of visits in England.

Mrs. Metcalf is the first Cabinet hostess to return to Washington for the winter, although she is giving her time mainly to recovering from the fatigue occasioned by her long trip across the continent. Mrs. Metcalf will not establish her customary social programme until the return to the city of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont, who are completing a tour of the Continent, are now in St. Moritz, on their way to England. On their return to the United States they will go to Newport for the fall season.

Gen. William F. Draper has reached Lucerne, where he will spend the next three weeks.

Mr. Michael Cudahy, of Chicago, is among the distinguished Americans who are making a summer motor tour of the Continent.

Mrs. La Farge, wife of C. Grant La Farge, the architect, is the guest of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill.

Very Rev. A. P. Poole, rector of the Apostolic Mission House, at Brookland, is in Paris, where he is giving a course of lectures.

Mrs. Edward Graves and Miss Dorothy Graves are now in London.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brabury, who are making a leisurely motor tour of the Northern resorts, have arrived at Bretton Woods, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Gilmer are among the Washingtonians now registered at Paris hotels.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney, the latter formerly Miss Helen Hay, daughter of the late Secretary of State, will spend the fall season at their summer home, near Manhasset, Long Island.

The Misses Anderson, of Washington, have arrived in Antwerp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Saville are among the motor enthusiasts who are enjoying the beauties of Europe from their car.

Mrs. Charles Graham, accompanied by her niece, Miss Bertram Welles and Miss Ella Welles, has gone to Ocean City, Md., for an indefinite visit.

Miss Helene Forsberg and Miss Clara Lipscomb have returned from Round Hill, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Cleaves are the guests of ex-Gov. Henry B. Cleaves, at the Lafayette, Portland, Me.

Miss Anna Miller McDuell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. McDuell, of Weymouth, Md., and John Mortimer McDuell, of Tucson, Ariz., were married yesterday in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Brownsville, Md., the wedding being a brilliant social event. Rev. Charles Atwater performed the ceremony.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mary McDuell, as maid of honor, and Edward W. Garrett, of Pleasant Valley, was best man. After an extensive wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. McDuell will take up their residence in Arizona.

Ex-Mayor's Daughter Weds.

Special To The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Sept. 2.—Mr. A. L. Herr, chief clerk to General Manager Bretz, of the Morgantown and Kinwood railroad, Morgantown, W. Va., and Miss Lavina Helen King, daughter of former Mayor and Mrs. Clarence M. King, were married this evening at the home of the bride here by Rev. Dr. James B. Moffatt, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

DANVILLE GIRL WEDS.

Mears-Cummings Nuptials. Celebrated in Virginia Town.

Special To The Washington Herald.

Danville, Va., Sept. 2.—At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. Pemberton Penn, Miss Susan Alice Cummings, daughter of the late P. C. Cummings, was united in marriage this afternoon at 2 o'clock to Rev. Kenneth M. Mears, pastor of the Sheld Memorial Church. The bride was accompanied by her maid of honor, Miss Nellie Vass, and the groom by his best man, Dr. Harry L. Mears, his brother, of Richmond. After a visit to the family of Mr. Mears, in Richmond, where he was formerly the pastor of a church, the couple will reside here.

Major Harry Wooding was yesterday sworn in for his eighth consecutive term in that office, which he has held for eighteen years. He was re-elected last June by a large majority.

The new city council met yesterday afternoon for organization. W. R. Mitchell was elected president, and C. C. Snead vice president of the board of aldermen.

In the commonwealth, W. R. Fitzgerald was elected president and D. E. Gardner vice president.

SINGS OF INNER LIGHT

Poet-priest Writes Touchingly of Affliction.

FATHER TABB GOING BLIND

Exquisite Lyric of Maryland Priest Tells of Day When Total Darkness Shall Come Upon Him—Recognized as One of the Foremost Living American Poets.

The following terse stanza by the poet-priest, Father John B. Tabb, in the Atlantic Monthly for August, broaches touchingly the subject of the sad affliction that has recently come upon him: The probable ending of his physical sight:

Back to the primal gloom
Where life began,
As to my mother's womb
Must I return;
Not to be born again,
But to remain
And in the School of Darkness learn
What mean
"The things unseen."

The Baltimore Sun, in a sympathetic article regarding Father Tabb, says: "Rev. John B. Tabb, A. M., soldier, poet, divine, and for many years instructor in English at St. Charles' College, Elliott City, Md., has for a long time past been an increasing sufferer from failing sight, until at the present time his active duties as one of the faculty of St. Charles have had to be abandoned."

His Fame Abroad.

"In the literary world there is no name associated with St. Charles' College that has reflected greater glory than that of Father Tabb. A prominent British literary critic some years ago placed him in the front ranks of living American poets, and a writer in the London Spectator some twelve years since did not hesitate to say he is one of the greatest living poets in the English language."

"Father Tabb has published several small volumes of exquisite verse—poems, lyrics, and epigrams—that combine the beauty of Keats, the imagination and spirituality of Shelley, and the love of nature that is the distinguishing feature of Wordsworth. The poems are characterized by delicate fancy unexaggerated in any poetry of our language and a depth of tenderness as rare as it is beautiful."

"By birth Father Tabb is a Virginian. He was, besides, a Confederate soldier and, as he sometimes styles himself, 'an unrepentant rebel.' He was a fellow-prisoner of the poet Sidney Lanier at Point Lookout during the civil war. Mr. Edwin Litchfield Turnbull not long since harmonized a theme entitled 'A Melody from Sidney Lanier's Plute,' which was given Mr. Turnbull by Father Tabb himself. The gifted priest was born a musician as well as a poet, and those who know him intimately as a rapt listener to good music know also that he plays the piano with much skill. St. Charles' College has many stories of creeping near the music room at twilight to hear the poet-priest, forgetful of the world, drawing sweet melodies from his favorite musical instrument."

Converted to Catholic Church.

"After the close of the civil war, Father Tabb was received into the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and for a while labored in the diocese of Maryland. Here he formed a friendship with

the late Bishop Alfred A. Curtis, who, like himself, afterward entered the Catholic church.

"In appearance Father Tabb is slightly above average height, slender of figure and quick in his movements. In the classroom his wonderful ability of fixing important facts in the minds of others made him an especially interesting teacher. Gifted with pencil as well as pen, he not infrequently illustrated his meaning by drawing on the blackboard of the classroom, and he carried out a low humble or humorous his illustrations might be, so that it emphasized the point which he desired to be remembered."

"About Elliott City, Father Tabb is warmly beloved by all who know him, and especially by the boys of the town and of the several colleges. With him they find infinite interest in instruction in a walk through the woods or a ride about the lanes."

"Among the poet's published works are the following volumes: 'Poems,' 'Lyrics,' 'An Ode to Mary,' 'Rules of English Grammar,' 'Poems Grave and Gay,' (for children), 'Two Lyrics,' 'The Rosary in Rhyme,' besides numerous contributions to American and English magazines."

"One of the most beautiful verses by Father Tabb is the following, called 'Evolution':"

"Out of the dark a shadow,
Then a spark,
Out of the cloud a dimness,
Then a light,
Out of the dark a capture,
Then a pain;
Out of the dead, cold ashes,
Life again."